drug, if so, names of the companies brand and their prices of each strength;

(f) whether it is also a fact that there are number of cases where exorbitant prices decontrolled medicines are being charged; and

(g) if so, the details of such instances and action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (g) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Price revision of bulk drugs

1329. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of price revisions of bulk drug announced by the Ministry from January, 1994;

(b) what are the names of the bulk drugs, their earlier prices, their revised prices, extent of increase/decrease and when were the BICP recommendations received in each case;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in announcing reductions and at what level this delay occurred; and

(d) whether prices of formulations based on such bulk drugs have also been announced and if so, the details thereof and if not, where the price reductions are held up and in case of formulations of which bulk drugs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) To the extent information is available, prices of 9 bulk drugs were fixed and prices of 64 bulk drugs were revised since Jan. 1994. Of the 64 bulk drugs prices of which were revised, the prices of 27 bulk drugs were reduced on account of changes in Customs Duty. The price revision of these bulk drugs on account of changes in Customs Duty were notified in the Official Gazette on 28th June, 1994 on the basis of computation done in the Ministry. Cost-cum-technical Study reports of BICP for fixation/revision of the other bulk drugs were received in this Ministry from time to time during the year and after examination, the prices have been fixed/revised and notified in the Official Gazette on different dates during this year. Revision of formulations prices on the basis of changes in the bulk drugs prices and other input costs is an on going process. As the number of such formulations is very large, collections and analysis of the voluminous data may not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Setting up of Petro-Chemical complex in Punjab

1330. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up petrochemical complex in Punjab;

(b) if so, the area of land required for this;

(c) the estimated compensation for this prime agricultural land per acre to be given to the farmers;

(d) which company/agency is to undertake the said project;

(e) what product will be made and under which name; and

(f) whether any licenses are required in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.